

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended)        An arc tube for a high intensity discharge lamp comprising:  
                                 a translucent body formed from a high temperature material~~and~~ , the translucent body  
defining a discharge space and including spaced-apart electrodes;  
                                 an arc generating and sustaining medium within said discharge space; and  
                                 a starting aid contained within said discharge space, said starting aid comprising an  
electrically conductive stripe formed from a mixture of an electrically conductive material and  
the high temperature material.
2. (currently amended)        The arc tube of Claim 1 wherein the high temperature material is  
alumina and said starting aid is comprised of a cermet selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of  
tungsten and alumina and molybdenum and alumina.
3. (original)                The arc tube of Claim 1 wherein said translucent body is cylindrical.
4. (currently amended)        The arc tube of Claim 1 wherein said ~~ceramic~~ high temperature  
material is alumina.
5. (original)                The arc tube of Claim 2 wherein said starting aid is a cermet of tungsten and  
alumina and contains about 60 volume % tungsten and about 40 volume % alumina.
6. (currently amended)        An arc tube for a high intensity discharge lamp comprising:  
                                 a translucent body formed from a high temperature material~~and~~ , the translucent body  
defining a discharge space and including spaced-apart electrodes;  
                                 an arc generating and sustaining medium within said discharge space; and

a starting aid contained within said discharge space, said starting aid comprising an electrically conductive stripe of a cermet selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of tungsten and alumina and molybdenum and alumina.

7. (original)        The arc tube of Claim 6 wherein said starting aid is a cermet of tungsten and alumina and contains about 60 volume % tungsten and about 40 volume % alumina.